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Mr. Reed Hundt

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Hello, Mr. Hundt. My name is Angela Seager and I am a full time college student and a single mother of three girls. Being a college student and a single parent, I don't have alot of time to police what my children are watching on TV. So, I was glad to hear that you wanted to see less violence and sex on TV and more educational programs. I full heartedly agree with you and am happy to see that some one is interested in seeing better programs on TV for children.

It has become necessary in my household to have an alarm set to remind me to turn off such programs as: Power Rangers, Teenage Muntant Nija Turtles, Rescue 911, and others. This is because my children a young and still very impressionable. I admit that I use to enjoy a few of the programs that we no longer watch, but it became necessary for me to do something when all my children would do after watching Power Rangers was fight and my youngest got injured after my oldest decided to try CPR after watching an episode of 911.

I hope you do change the programing on TV for children for the better because in my opinion something really needs to be done. Thank you for you time.

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The FCC's request for public comment shows an understanding of the worry Americans feel about a genuinely life-threatening cancer in American society - violence in the media.

Is there another issue you can name that has captured the attention of so many citizens? Is there another crisis short of war that could have driven so many groups to take a stand? Scan this partial list of national organizations that have publicly stated their support for a reduction in violence and vulgarity on TV:

- The American Medical Association
- The American Medical Alliance
- The American Academy of Pediatrics
- The American Psychological Association
- The American Psychiatric Association
- The Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists
- The American Nurses Association
- The American Academy of Nursing
- The National PTA
- The National School Boards Association
- The American Association for School Administrators
- The National Sheriffs Association
- The National Child Care Association
- The National Association of Social Workers
- The National Council of Churches
- The National Assoc. for Family and Community Education
- The American Family Association
- The Foundation to Improve TV
- Alliance Against Violence in Entertainment for Children
- Canada's Association for Media Literacy
- Pope John Paul II

There is an infinitely longer list of outraged state and local agencies.

If this were a false alarm - if there were serious doubt that the media's violence and prurience are nurturing a frighteningly violent society - then perhaps the FCC and the media could delay action in good conscience. But study

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after study. criminal investigation after criminal investigation, and murder after senseless murder confirms for all of us that we are on a very dangerous path. Murders and beatings are daily fare; and often the cause is a violent reaction to mundane problem.

Are media executives and shareholders willing to live in suburbs like those in South Africa, surrounded by high walls topped with concertina wire, in order to make the extra dollars that violent shows generate? Are they and we willing to see our political and social systems fail, because our citizenry believes more in violent responses than in our political and judicial systems?

It is said that there is even honor among thieves. Surely there is enough honor in the media industry to form agreements to promote the nation's welfare and refrain from encouraging basic violent instincts.

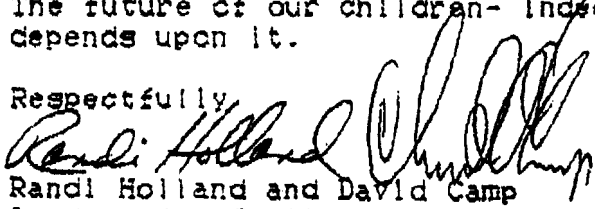
We are writing on behalf of the Academy for Family TV and the countless citizens who share our deep concern. We are a civilized, moderate community of legislators, professionals in medicine and law, educators and businessmen, parents, and proactive citizens. There is not a fanatic among us. Yet we are angry... having to control the impulses that TV, movies, and rap would encourage us to unleash.

It is past time to strengthen the Children's Television Act. It is past the time when defining a given percentage of the television day as children's time is enough. TV is profoundly affecting the thoughts and habits not only of small children, but of adolescents, young adults, and mature adults - all of whom show increasing hostility, bitterness, lack of faith in the nation, and violence toward humanity. Even those of us who abhor unnecessary intrusion by the federal government have reached the end of our patience.

The FCC must obtain a commitment by the TV industry to greatly reduce the violence, vulgarity, and prurience being broadcast, and hold all stations to it; or the FCC must introduce legislation to force the issue.

The future of our children- indeed the future of our nation- depends upon it.

Respectfully,


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By signing this letter of petition, I express my profound concern over the effects of television violence, sex, and vulgarity. I ask the FCC to take a very strong stand in turning back the tide of destructive influences that are flooding American homes and minds.

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Children's T.V. Act.

We are appalled at most
programs aired on T.V., however
will address program times
regarding children's accessibility.
With family's unit demands -
T.V. becomes a baby-sitter -
children no longer have set

or supervised time set
by parents. Children's exposure
to fights, violence etc etc —
is unreal.

The airwaves can be sensibly
monitored by sponsors as
long as money. Hungry producers
poor out T.V. not fit for
human consumption.

Sincerely,